

Board matters

This is the report from May and July 2019 Board meetings.

Strategic items

.UK Right of Registration – the Board received an update at the May meeting from Eleanor Bradley, MD Registry & Public Benefit, on the planning and preparation taking place to ensure a smooth release process. The Board received a performance update at the July meeting following the release at the beginning of the month.

Online Harms – Simon Staffell, Head of Public Affairs, provided a briefing to the Board on the Government's Online Harm White Paper and the potential for impact on Nominet's areas of activity.

Performance and finance – The Board reviewed the finance and performance data to the end of June 2019.

IoT Security – Adam Leach, MD of New Ventures, presented a strategic analysis of the Internet of Things landscape identifying opportunities based on the latest techniques of network analytics, behavioural analytics and network orchestration.

.UK Price Review – At the July meeting the Board had an initial discussion regarding wholesale .UK pricing. Views and feedback were sought from Board members, particularly the elected NEDs. The item will be taken to the September 2019 Board meeting when a decision will be made. The plan is to announce the results of the price review exercise in late September.

Member Engagement – Eleanor Bradley, MD Registry & Public Benefit, reported to the Board on the progress of the member engagement programme as well as Nominet's approach to account management for its largest registrars.

M&A – the Board discussed the progress the Executive have made towards its strategic mergers and acquisition objectives.

Protective DNS – the Board received a demo of the existing service offering. The key factors in the government's contractual tender process were discussed.

DoH – Cath Goulding, CISO, updated the Board on the new DNS protocol 'DNS over HTTPS' (DoH) and its potential impact on Nominet's products and services.

Governance items

Senior Independent Director – the Board approved the appointment of Jane Tozer as the Senior Independent Director (SID).

AGM – the Annual General Meeting took place at Minerva House, Oxford on the 18th July 2019. The event was live streamed, and a recording is available on our website.



Non-Executive Director Elections – Anne Taylor was elected to the Board by the members for a term of 3 years. The Board thanked Volker Greimann for his work and service during his three years with the company.

Committee updates – In May, the Board received updates from the Remuneration and Investment Committees which had taken place on the morning of the 22nd May prior to the Board meeting. In July, the Board received an update from the Remuneration Committee which had taken place on the morning of the 17th July prior to the Board meeting. An update was also received from the Audit and Governance Committee which had met on the 18th June to sign-off the annual report and accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2019.